GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Revenue Department - Surprise Check conducted on the office of Tahsildar, Macherla, Guntur District by the Inspector, Range-II, ACB, Guntur District on 24.01.2020 -Certain Irregularities found in attending the public grievances and resorting to corrupt practices - Sri Katraju Venkata Rama Rao, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Kambhampadu Village-II, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District Now Retired - Disciplinary proceedings under rule - 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Articles of charge - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.86 Dated:23.01.2024

Read:

G.O.Ms.No.32, Revenue (Vigilance.I) Dept., Dt:23.01.2024

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ORDER:

In pursuance to the G.O read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Katraju Venkata Rama Rao, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Kambhampadu Village-II, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District Now Retired with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control & Appeal) Rules,1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry are proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charges (Annexure - I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-II & III).

3. Sri Katraju Venkata Rama Rao, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Kambhampadu Village-II, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District Now Retired is directed to submit a written statement of his defense within 10 days of receipt of this order.

4. Sri Katraju Venkata Rama Rao, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Kambhampadu Village-II, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District Now Retired is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Katraju Venkata Rama Rao, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Kambhampadu Village-II, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District Now Retired is further informed that if they do not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 3 above further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri Katraju Venkata Rama Rao, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Kambhampadu Village-II, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District Now Retired invited to Rule 24 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed Sri Katraju Venkata Rama Rao, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Kambhampadu Village-II, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District Now Retired is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

(P.T.O)

7. The receipt of the Memorandum may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY JAIN
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Katraju Venkata Rama Rao, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Kambhampadu Village-II, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District Now Retired (Through District Collector, Palnadu for service and to return the served copy with dated acknowledgement immediately (By RPAD))
The Chief Commissioner of and Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:
The District Collector, Palnadu
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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI KATRAJU VENKATA RAMA RAO, FORMERLY VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, KAMBHAMPADU VILLAGE-II, MACHERLA MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT NOW RETIRED

That SriKatraju Venkata Rama Rao, S/o Chennaiah, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Kambhampadu Village-II, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District (hereinafter referred to as Government Servant) while functioning as such at Kambhampadu Village-II, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District during the period from 15.07.2019 to 31.12.2020 committed grave misconduct in as much as:

Article of Charge:

"That the Government Servant was in the possession of unaccounted cash of Rs.1150/- while on duty on the date of Surprise Check violating the orders of the Government" and failed to account for satisfactory.

"Thus, the Government Servant Sri Katraju Venkata Rama Rao, S/o Venkateswarlu, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Kambhampadu Village-II, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Govt. servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and there by violated/contravened Rule 3(1) & 3(2)and 9 (8-A) of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 r/w Rule 9 of AP Revised pension Rules, 1980".

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MIS BEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI KATRAJU VENKATA RAMA RAO, FORMERLY VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, KAMBHAMPADU VILLAGE-II, MACHERLA MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT NOW RETIRED.

Sri Katraju Venkata Rama Rao, S/o Venkateswarlu, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Kambhampadu Village-II, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District is a native of D. No. 4-57, Dharmavaram Village, Durgi Mandal, Palnadu District. His date of birth is 01.01.1961. He joined Government Service on 05.02.1992as VAO and worked as thus at Darivemula/Dharmavaram Village. He was promoted as Panchayat Secretary on 01.01.2002 andworked as thus at Rayavaram, Jammalamadaka Villages. The Panchayat Secretary designation was changed as Village Revenue Officer on 07.07.2007 and worked as thus at Dharmavaram, Pinnelli, Kambhampadu Villages. He worked as Village Revenue Officer, Kambhampadu Village-II, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District during the period from 15.07.2019 to 31.12.2020. He has drawn Basic pay of Rs.28,120/- in the Scale of Pay Rs.18,400/-, Rs.55,410/-. He retired from service on 31.12.2020 on attaining superannuation. He is hereinafter referred to as Government Servant (G.S).

Charge:

"That the Government Servant was in the possession of unaccounted cash of Rs.1150/- while on duty on the date of Surprise Check violating the orders of the Government" and failed to account for satisfactory.

Facts and Evidence:

On credible information that the Tahsildar, Macherla and his staff are committing irregularities, indulging in corrupt practices by not attending public duties and adopting dilatory tactics a Surprise Check was conducted on the office of Tahsildar, Macherla, Palnadu District from 24.01.2020 at 11.30 hrs to 7.30 hrs on 25.01.2020 in the presence of the mediators.

During the surprise check, When the Inspector questioned to the Tahsildar about the maintenance of the Personal Cash Register in his office, the Tahsildar has stated that they are not maintaining the Personal Cash Declaration Register in his office. At the request of the Inspector, the Tahsildar and his staff produced their personal cash. The G.S. produced an amount of Rs. 1150/-. When the Inspector questioned the G.S. with regard to his possession of amount Rs. 1150/-, he did not give proper account of the amount. Hence, the amountis suspected as unaccounted amount and seized by the Inspector for the purpose of further enquiry.

ORAL EVIDENCE:

1. Sri Shaik Mastan Vali, S/o Moulali, Age 39 yrs, Assistant Executive Engineer, Operation, APSPDCL, Rentachintala Section, Macherla Division, R/o Nehru Nagar, 2nd line, H.No. 15-1-141, Macherla Town.
2. Sri Malamanti Naraiah, S/o Narasimha Rao, Age 39 yrs, Junior Assistant, O/o AAO /Sub/ERO/Gurazala/APSPDCL, Gurazala, R/o H.No.8-449, Madugula road, Gurazala (V&M)

Witnesses Nos. 1 & 2 are the mediators to the entire proceedings of surprise check conducted on the office of the Tahsildar, Macherla mandal from 24.01.2020 at 11.30 hrs to 7.30 hrs on 25.01.2020 and drafted the mediators report incorporating the entire proceedings in the O/o the Tahsildar, Macherla.

3. Sri J. Pardha Saradhi, Revenue Divisional Officer, Gurazala, Palnadu District.

He speaks about that the Government Servant was in the possession of unaccounted cash violating the Standing Orders of the Govt. in G.O. Ms. No. 200 GA (Ser.C) Department Dt. 26.03.2007, wherein it was ordered through the above G.O. that a Govt. Servant on duty not to keep cash in his possession beyond Rs.500/- while on duty in the office etc., facts.

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE:

1. Surprise Check Proceedings, Dt. 24.01.2020 drafted by the Mediators at the O/o the Tahsildar, Macherla Mandal, Guntur District.

It contains all the happenings in the Surprise Check conducted on the Office of the Tahsidlar, Macherla on 24.01.2020 by the ACB Officials in the presence of mediators. The mediators drafted and attested the Surprise Check Proceedings.

2. Copy of G.O. Ms. No. 200 GA (Ser.C) Department, Dt. 26.03.2007 of Govt. of A.P.

Through this G.O., the Govt. of A.P., has amended Rule 9 (8-A) & (8-B) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964. The Rule 9 (8) (B) (i) speaks about the declaration of personal cash at the time of reporting duty if in the excess of Rs.500/-.

"Thus, the Government Servant Sri Katraju Venkata Rama Rao, S/o Venkateswarlu, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Kambhampadu Village-II, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Govt. servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and there by violated/contravened Rule 3(1) & 3(2)and 9 (8-A) of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 r/w Rule 9 of AP Revised pension Rules, 1980".

Thus, the Government servant rendered himself for regular departmental action for major penalty under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rulers, 1991.

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ANNEXURE –III

LIST OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI KATRAJU VENKATA RAMA RAO, FORMERLY VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, KAMBHAMPADU VILLAGE-II, MACHERLA MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT NOW RETIRED ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

Sl. No.	Details Of The Documents
20.	Surprise Check Proceedings, Dt. 24.01.2020 drafted by the Mediators at the O/o the Tahsildar, Macherla Mandal, Guntur District.
21.	Copy of G.O. Ms. No. 200 GA (Ser.C) Deparment, Dt. 26.03.2007 of Govt. of A.P.

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ANNEXURE –IV

LIST OF WITNESSESBY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES AGAINST SRI KATRAJU VENKATA RAMA RAO, FORMERLY VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, KAMBHAMPADU VILLAGE-II, MACHERLA MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT NOW RETIRED ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

Sl. No.	Name of the Address of the Witnesses.
7.	Sri Shaik Mastan Vali, S/o Moulali, Age 39 yrs, Assistant Executive Engineer, Operation, APSPDCL, Rentachintala Section, Macherla Division, R/o Nehru Nagar, 2nd line, H.No. 15-1-141, Macherla Town.
8.	Sri Malamanti Naraiah, S/o Narasimha Rao, Age 39 yrs, Junior Assistant, O/o AAO /Sub/ERO/Gurazala/APSPDCL, Gurazala, R/o H.No.8-449, Madugula road, Gurazala (V&M).
9.	Sri J. PardhaSaradhi, Revenue Divisional Officer, Gurazala, Palnadu District.

10.	Sri G. Sridhar, Inspector, Range-II, ACB, Guntur Range, Guntur.
11.	Sri A. Manmadha Rao, Inspector, ACB, Guntur Range, Guntur.
12.	Any other witness that may be produced during the course of enquiry.

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